

WAR NOTES
SHARPER HOPES
OF EARLY PEACE

Nations' Monarchs and
Notables Confident of Victory—Determined to Fight
to Bitter End.

Defiance and hopes for peace mingle in the New Year messages of European monarchs and notables. Germany extols the pluck of its soldiers and declares the "old German watch stands firm." The Kaiserin hopes for the time when "an honorable peace is achieved for the Fatherland." Emperor Francis Joseph praises the steadfastness of the Teuton allies and is confident of ultimate victory. Serbia is proud in the notable victories achieved and looks for early success. The Bishop of London issues a ringing address, turning attention from war's gloom and showing its brighter side.

BERLIN SOUNDS DEFIANCE
IN NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The following official communication from Berlin has been received here by wireless: "At the end of the year we still stand firm on the old German watch, waiting what the future has in store for us. We are still united. No enemy can force us, in spite of rage and hypocrisy. In the East as well as the West, may victory ever attend you. Germany over all. "The whole world learns what we can do when we are attacked and that German pluck rings throughout the world. "Main headquarters reports tonight (Thursday) that our troops fighting in Poland have made more than 20,000 prisoners in the region of Lodz and Lwow, and besides have taken many guns. "The total number of prisoners taken since the 11th of November amounts to 133,000. More than 100 guns and 20 machine guns also have been captured."

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Emperor William has sent from the army headquarters a message to President Wilson conveying his wishes for a happy New Year. The Emperor also expresses his best wishes for the welfare of the United States.

KAISERIN'S GREETING HOPES
FOR "HONORABLE PEACE"

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—The German Empress has addressed the following New Year's greeting to the people: "On this occasion of the change of year I think with a special heartiness and gratitude of all who in the Fatherland have assisted in unity and with great self-sacrifice in providing comfort for our brave soldiers by gifts and for the wounded by careful nursing. State and local authorities have exerted themselves hand in hand with associations and individuals in a never-resting work to provide also for wives and children remaining behind, and thereby give confidence to the soldiers facing the enemy that they are lovingly remembered. "Having regard to the seriousness of the time, I beg on this occasion that the customary display of good wishes to me personally may be omitted and that there be perseverance in German fidelity and in the extension of our work of love to the blessing of our dear Fatherland until an honorable peace is achieved. To which may God soon guide us!"

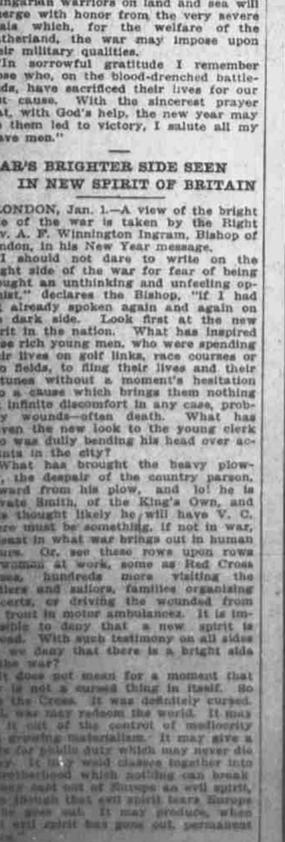
FRANCIS JOSEPH CERTAIN
OF SUCCESS FOR TEUTONS

VIENNA, Jan. 1.—Emperor Francis Joseph has issued a New Year's message addressed to the Austro-Hungarian army and navy, which reads as follows: "During the months of the past year the monarchy has faced numerous and powerful enemies in a war which has been forced upon us and our faithful allies. "The proved steadfastness of the fighting qualities and the heroic bravery of my army and navy give me confidence that in the new year of the war Austro-Hungarian warriors on land and sea will emerge with honor from the very severe trials which, for the welfare of the Fatherland, the war may impose upon their military duties. "In sorrowful gratitude I remember those who, on the blood-drenched battlefields, have sacrificed their lives for our just cause. With the sincerest prayer that, with God's help, the new year may see them led to victory, I salute all my brave men."

WAR'S BRIGHTER SIDE SEEN
IN NEW SPIRIT OF BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 1.—A view of the bright side of the war is taken by the Right Rev. A. F. Winnington Ingram, Bishop of London, in his New Year message. "I should not dare to write on the bright side of the war for fear of being thought an unthinking and unfeeling optimist," declares the Bishop, "if I had not already spoken again and again on the dark side. Look first at the new spirit in the nation. What has inspired these rich young men, who were spending their lives on golf links, race courses or polo fields, to fling their lives and their fortunes without a moment's hesitation into a cause which brings them nothing but infinite discomfort in any case, probably wounds—often death. What has given the new look to the young clerk who was dully bending his head over accounts in the city? "What has brought the heavy plowboy, the despair of the country parson, forward from his plow, and lo! he is Private Smith, of the King's Own, and it is thought likely he will have V. C. There must be something, if not in war, at least in what war brings out in human nature. Or, see these rows upon rows of women at work, some as Red Cross nurses, hundreds more, tending the soldiers and sailors, families organizing concerts, or driving the wounded from the front in motor ambulances. It is impossible to deny that a new spirit is abroad. With such testimony on all sides can we deny that there is a bright side to the war?"

ONE OF THE COMIC FIGURES IN TO-DAY'S PARADE



For in the Dust,
Kaiser Tells Nation

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—New deeds and new victories for the beloved Fatherland in 1915 are called for in the New Year's Day address issued by the Emperor to the German people. The text is: "After five long months of heavy and hard fighting we enter the new year. Brilliant victories have been gained and great successes achieved. The German army almost everywhere is on the attack. The repeated attempts of the enemy to swarm German territory with their legions have everywhere failed. My ships have covered themselves with glory on every sea. Their crews have proved not only that they knew how to fight, but how to die like heroes when overwhelmed by superior forces. "Behind the army and the navy stands the entire German people in unexampled harmony prepared to sacrifice its heart's blood for the sacred domestic hearth which we are defending against an outrageous enemy. Much has come to pass in the old year, but our enemies are still firmly kept low. There are always fresh hordes rolling up against our army and the armies of our faithful allies. But the numbers have not frightened us. Although times may be serious and the task before us a heavy one, we look forward into the future with the firmest confidence. "Next to God's wise guidance I trust to the harmonious cooperation of our army and navy and know myself to be one with the entire German nation. Therefore, let us face the new year unflinchingly, looking forward to new deeds and new victories for the beloved Fatherland."

BRITISH LOSE
ANOTHER SHIP

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Bulwark, sunk off Sheerness on Thanksgiving Day by what has been officially declared an internal explosion. The Formidable was launched in December, 1898, and is therefore of the older style of fighting ships. Her cost was \$5,000,000. She had a water-line length of 41 feet, was of 18,000 tons displacement and carried a crew of 780 men under normal conditions. Her armament included four 12-inch guns, 12 6-inch guns, 16 12-pounders and 2 12-pounders of a shorter muzzle length, 6 3-pounders and 2 Maxim's. In addition she was fitted with four submerged torpedo tubes. Her armor ranged from 9 to 12 inches of Krupp steel.

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U. S. COTTON CARGO SUNK

Danish Steamship, From Savannah, Strikes Mine.
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Danish steamship M. C. Holm, from Savannah, Ga., December 1, for Christiania, laden with cotton, struck a mine off Flamborough Head and sank 15 minutes later. All the members of the crew escaped in lifeboats. They narrowly escaped injury, however, from fragments of the mine casing, which littered the deck. Flamborough Head is on the North Sea, in the County of Yorkshire, near Scarborough. It was here in 1779 that Paul Jones won his most famous naval victory.

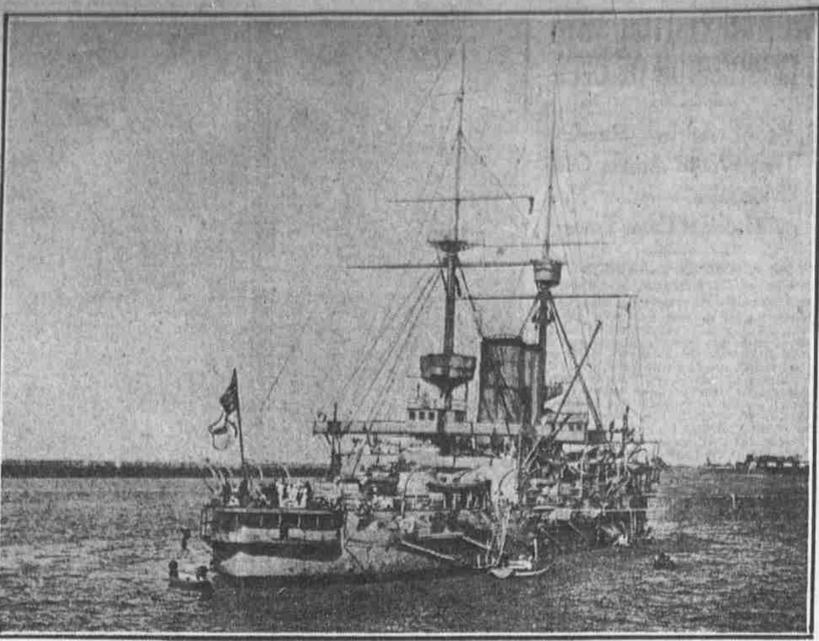
France Gives Belgium \$1,400,000

PARIS, Jan. 1.—The people of France have given to the Belgian refugees within the Republic Christmas presents to the value of \$1,400,000. This includes \$100,000 in cash derived from the sale last Sunday of innumerable little Belgian flags.

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GERMANS SMASH LINES
OF ENEMY IN ARGONNE

Gain Ground in Forest of La Grurie by Desperate Charges.
PARIS, Jan. 1.—German gains in the Argonne district, forest of La Grurie, are reported in today's announcement of conditions at the front. The fighting is declared to have been of the most violent character and the German gains are placed at 50 yards at certain points. The fighting, however, continues, with the French making every effort to regain their lost advantage.

GERMANS MOWED
DOWN IN DASH TO
CROSS THE BZURA

Enormous Slaughter of Picked Troops Halts Move for Possession of Contested Territory.
PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—Slaughter, characterized as "enormous," in Grand Duke Nicholas' official report, has halted the German attempt to pass the Bzura River on the way to Warsaw. The fighting still is furious along both the Bzura and Hawka Rivers, according to today's War Office statement, but the belief is held here that all danger to Warsaw has passed with the renewal of the Russian offensive along the Poland front.

BRITISH TAKE GERMAN PORT

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BRITISH FORCE SOLDIERS
TO MEET MARITZ REVOLT

New Uprising Necessitates Commanding of Troops.
LONDON, Jan. 1.—A Reuter telegram received here from Pretoria, the seat of government of the Union of South Africa, says: "It is officially announced that the Government intends to commandeer men for service in German Southwest Africa and in the Union of South Africa, as the situation cannot be adequately met by depending on the volunteer recruits. "As a reason for this action it is pointed out that Lieutenant Colonel Maritz, who escaped to German Southwest Africa with a few hundred rebels, is now attempting return with German reinforcements, armed with field guns and rifles, to stir up the rebellion afresh and prosecute it more effectively. "In view of this danger of an invasion, the official communication says, it is necessary to employ a much larger force than at first was intended, in order to destroy the enemy rebel forces so they never again can menace the peace of South Africa."

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PROMINENT BANKERS

RETIRE AS MEMBERS
OF BIG FIRMS HERE

G. Clymer Brooke Resigns as Partner of Drexel & Co.—Other Important Changes.

Changes in many firms in this city coincident with the arrival of the year. Of the many announcements of retirement this morning the most prominent was that of G. Clymer Brooke as a partner in the firm of Drexel & Co. The retirement of Mr. Brooke was a surprise in the financial district. Since Edward T. Stotesbury, head of Drexel & Co., resigned as a director of the Central National Bank and of several other institutions, in accordance with the provisions of the Clayton law prohibiting interlocking directorates. Waldron Post Brown, it was also announced today, had retired from banking firm of Brown Brothers & Co. with offices in New York, Boston, London as well as in this city. The firm will be continued under the name of G. Clymer Brooke & Co. The firm name by Charles D. Dickey, E. Delano, George Harrison Frasier, J. Brown, James Crosby Brown, Thomas Mason Brown, Moreau Delano and E. Curtis as partners.

GREECE READY FOR WAR

PARIS, Jan. 1.—The Havaas correspondent at Athens sends the following report from a speech delivered by the Greek Premier, M. Venizelos, during discussion of the budget in the Chamber of Deputies: "All the necessary measures to meet the national defense have been since the outbreak of the war, again assure the chamber and the country that at the present moment Greece is ready to mobilize at any hour at every point of its territory all the contingents of its army."

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